

SHAW AIDING SLEMP

Former Cabinet Officer Addresses Virginia Voters.

HAS PRAISE FOR ROOSEVELT

Traces Important Work Done by Cleveland, McKinley, and Present Chief Executive—Son of Former Congressman Candidate for His Father's Seat—Lone Republican.

Norton, Va., Dec. 14.—Former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw spoke here to-night in connection with the campaign for Campbell Slemple, Jr., in waging to succeed his father, the late Representative Campbell Slemple in Congress. Mr. Slemple was the lone Republican in the House from Virginia, and was a warm personal friend of Mr. Shaw.

Young Slemple invited the former Secretary of the Treasury to deliver a speech during his canvass, and Mr. Shaw came here to-night to comply with the request. The election is to be held next Tuesday.

Mr. Shaw said in part: "The American people seldom do more than one thing at a time, but they do that one thing well, and, fortunately, or providentially, they have nearly always had the right leader for the accomplishment of the much-needed task.

"Without tracing the important work performed by Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, and Lincoln, I will refer only to the last three Presidents.

Takes a Strong Stand.

"It seems to have been the special task of Grover Cleveland to hold the country against a popular sentiment having its root in greenbackism. In my judgment very few of the men who have held the office of Chief Executive of the United States would have successfully combated the overwhelming sentiment of his own party for the free coinage of silver and a very pronounced sentiment in the opposition party and maintained the integrity of our credit. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Grover Cleveland for a measure of reliance in his own judgment never exceeded.

"It was the special privilege of William McKinley to take leadership at a time of universal business depression and through wise economic legislation and policies, to bring to the American people a measure of prosperity never before experienced. William McKinley was distinctively a business President with wide experience, a student of economics, and a pastmaster in statesmanship. Again, the people owe to the memory of William McKinley a great debt of gratitude.

Capital Becomes Arrogant.

"Partly because of our matchless prosperity, but largely because of human selfishness and love of power, capital, if you will permit the personification, became arrogant, and was disposed to bid defiance to the will of the people. It has been the great privilege of Theodore Roosevelt to demonstrate that in this country the people and not capital govern.

Eight Inches of Snow.

Trolley Lines Near Hagerstown Tied Up; Telephones Out of Order.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 14.—Snow began falling in this section of the State early this morning, and after the ground was covered to a depth of about eight inches the downfall turned to sleet and rain.

Trolley traffic, especially on the out-of-town lines to Myersville, Shady Grove, Boonsboro, and Williamsport, was tied up for a time and seriously delayed all day. Many telephone lines are down, and communication with out-of-town points cut off. As the Potomac River and other streams are already eight to ten feet above normal, high waters are expected to follow.

STORE ROBBERED AND FIRED.

Proprietor Sees Negro He Suspects and Causes His Arrest.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 14.—The store of Pamplin & Phillips, at Schuyler, Nelson County, was robbed yesterday of \$750 and a large amount of goods. The robbers set fire to the store, but this was discovered and extinguished.

In the afternoon, J. C. Phillips, of the firm started to Lynchburg, and at Rockfish he saw a negro named John Woody, whom he suspected of the robbery. He left the train, took the negro's revolver, found the money on him, arrested, and took him to Lovington, where Woody was locked up.

RESENTS LIPSCOMB LETTER.

Executive Committee of Randolph-Macon College Issues Statement.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 14.—The executive committee of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, resenting the statement of Dr. B. F. Lipscomb, of Richmond, that a letter from the Carnegie Foundation relative to the woman's college was not read at the meeting of the board at Richmond on August 15, to-day issued a statement in which it expresses profound regret and surprise that Dr. Lipscomb should assail Dr. W. W. Smith, president of the college. The statement says:

"This surprise deepens into indignation when, after abundant proof to the contrary, the charge is reiterated. He may not have heard the letter read, but he has no right to say it was not read and to say that the official record, signed by Bishop Granbery and Secretary Brown, vouched by the college seal, and sustained by cumulative testimony, is not true. We resent his attempted reflection on Dr. Smith as unjust and unworthy."

MARYLAND NEWS IN BRIEF.

Boys, Dec. 14.—One of the heaviest snowstorms and sleetstorms of the winter fell here after midnight and up until late this morning. Snow fell to a depth of about four inches, and sleet fell over it.

Hagerstown, Dec. 14.—The Sharpshooter Savings Bank, of Sharpsburg, this county, has been incorporated, and will open for business about February 1.

Accused of Accepting Passes.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Police Justice Jerred Bunting, of this city, will be tried Monday on a charge of accepting passes from railroads for the State. If convicted, the court has the power to remove him from office.

The Largest Morning Circulation.

NO FLIRTING ON BEATS.

Pittsburg Police Warned Against Making "Goo-goo" Eyes.

Pittsburg, Dec. 14.—"It's not alone the policemen of old Allegheny, but some of you Pittsburg officers, out in the suburbs, have been caught flirting lately. And it must stop. Any man on duty detected in frivolous conversation with a young woman will be dismissed from the force."

This was Police Superintendent McQuaide's warning to the police of Greater Pittsburg, when the precinct captains and many of the men were assembled before the chief for a heart-to-heart talk. Four roundsmen recently were disciplined for flirting while on duty.

FRED JENKINS ACQUITTED.

Jury Out Only a Few Minutes Before Bringing in Verdict.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Culpeper, Va., Dec. 14.—The jury was out but a few minutes when it brought in a verdict of acquittal in the case of Fred Jenkins, for the murder of William Smith. The case had been on trial for several days. The counsel for the accused, T. E. Grimsley and Burnett Miller, presented arguments that convinced the jury of Jenkins' innocence. There was some applause when the clerk read the verdict, but the judge promptly suppressed it.

ANNEXATION FOR LYNCHBURG

Judge Anderson Decides City Can Add Portion of Campbell County.

Population Increased by 5,000 and Property Valuation by \$2,000,000.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 14.—Judge Anderson, who sat in the hearing of the petition of the city for the annexation of a portion of the suburbs in Campbell County, late to-day entered an order making the annexation effective January 1.

The lines as proposed by city ordinance were changed to eliminate several suburban properties and Dearington, while they were enlarged in several instances. They were required to pay \$30,000 of the county's bonded debt, for permanent schoolhouses, and \$1,200 for permanent improvements. The 1908 taxes from the annexed portion are to be equally divided. The county secured a suspending order for thirty days in order to take an appeal. The annexation gives the city about 25,000 additional population and \$2,000,000 additional property assessment.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders.

Following orders appointed to meet January 1 at stations designated for mental and physical examination of candidates for admission to Military Academy:

Maj. HENRY A. SHAW, surgeon; Capt. WILLIAM H. BREITENBERG, Fourth Infantry; EDWIN BELL, Eighth Cavalry; Capt. CHARLES H. DRACK, Fourteenth Cavalry, and LEON T. LEWIS, assistant surgeon; First Lieut. HENRY E. ROSS, Coast Artillery Corps, at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Maj. HENRY I. RAYMOND, surgeon; Capt. LAMAR E. POWELL, assistant surgeon; First Lieut. THOMAS L. BREWER, Twenty-second Infantry, and ALLEN PARKER, Twenty-sixth Infantry, at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

Maj. HENRY C. FISHER, surgeon; LAWRENCE J. HEARN, Twenty-first Infantry, and WILLIAM E. PURVANCE, surgeon; Capt. ALMON L. FARMER, Twenty-first Infantry; ROBERT W. ROSE, Twenty-first Infantry, and GEORGE H. SCOTT, assistant surgeon, and First Lieut. WARD DANNY, Twenty-first Infantry, at Fort Logan.

Lieut. Col. GEORGE H. TORNEY, deputy surgeon general; Maj. GUSTAVE W. S. STEVENS, Coast Artillery Corps, and JAMES M. KENNEDY, surgeon; Capt. STEPHEN P. ADAMS, Fourteenth Cavalry; JAMES F. BRAN, Coast Artillery Corps, and RICHARD H. McMASTER, First Field Artillery, and First Lieut. WILLIAM A. WICKLINE, assistant surgeon, at Presidio of San Francisco.

Maj. JAMES B. HOUSTON, paymaster, from Department of Dakota, to Havana as chief of Coast Artillery of Cuba, relieving Maj. GEORGE F. DOWNEY, paymaster.

Private LOUIS WILSON, band, Seventeenth Infantry, Government Hospital for the Insane, Washington, having enlisted under false pretenses, discharged without honor from the army by Adjutant General of the Army.

Recruit RALPH H. SLAYZAKER, cavalry, discharged without honor from the army by commanding officer, recruit depot, Columbus Barracks, on account of imprisonment under sentence of a civil court.

Post Quartermaster Sergt. ROBERT E. EDWARDS, from Camp Capt. John Smith, Norfolk, to Key West Barracks.

Corp. JACOB T. CREWS, Company K, Thirtieth Infantry, Fort Leavenworth, transferred to Ninth Infantry as private, to Fort Sam Houston.

Chief Musician JOHN N. NORTON, band, Twenty-fifth Infantry, placed on retired list.

First Lieut. WILLIAM A. VAN DYKE, Hospital Corps, Fort Monroe, to Havana, for duty with Company A, Hospital Corps.

Capt. ALEXANDER E. WILLIAMS, Second Infantry, detailed to Quartermaster's Department, vice Capt. CHARLES H. MARTIN, quartermaster to Second Infantry.

Private LEON C. ARNOLD, Company B, Tenth Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, transferred to Signal Corps, to Fort Monmouth.

First Lieut. THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK, Company B, First Battalion of Engineers, General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, transferred to Company A, First Battalion of Engineers.

Private JOHN W. HERBST, Hospital Corps, Fort Totten, discharged from the army.

Private HENRY C. BROWN, Troop G, Sixth Cavalry, in confinement at Fort Sam Houston, discharged without honor from the army by reason of desertion.

Recruit ARTHUR LYTLE, infantry, recruit depot, Fort Slocum, transferred to Hospital Corps as private, to General Hospital, Washington Barracks, for duty with Company C, Hospital Corps.

Private ARTHUR F. EASTMAN, Troop A, Thirtieth Cavalry, Fort Sheridan, discharged from the army.

Navy Orders.

Lieut. Commander A. RUSSELL, detached Navy Department, to command Cape Cruz-Castillo survey expedition in vicinity of Manzanillo, Cuba.

Ensign J. C. SWEENEY, Jr., detached navy yard, to naval magazine, St. Julien's Creek.

Gunner K. J. EGAN, detached navy yard, Norfolk, to naval magazine, St. Julien's Creek.

Gunner J. G. NIKULAS, detached navy yard, Boston, to charge naval magazine, Chelsea.

Chief Carpenter A. BURKE, retired, placed on retired list.

Warrant Mechanic J. H. BUSCH, to Quincy, duty execution Salem.

Cable room Rear Admiral J. N. Hemmell, command Third squadron, Pacific fleet, Manila, December 13.

Ensign R. W. KESSLER, detached Chattanooga, to Naval Hospital, Yokohama, Japan.

Lieut. J. E. WALKER, detached Command, home.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Bureau of Navigation:

Arrived—December 12, Wasp, at Poughkeepsie; Rainier, Chattanooga, and Galveston, at Manila; Sismet, at League Island; Milwaukee, at Mare Island; December 13, Nina, Shark, and Porpoise, at New London and Bridgeport; Eagle, at Guantanamo; Sismet, at Rockland, Me.; Tacoma, at navy yard, New York; Florida, at Norfolk.

Sailed—December 12, Tennessee and Washington, from Callao for Acapulco; Preble, from San Diego for Mare Island; December 13, Nina, Shark, and Porpoise, from New London for Bridgeport; Paducah and Dubuque, from Guantanamo for Havana; Craven, from navy yard, New York, for Norfolk; Saturn, from San Diego for Mare Island; California, from San Francisco for Hampton Roads; Tacoma, from North River, New York City, for navy yard, New York; Helmer, Quips, and Villalobos, from Shanghai for Yagute River; Nevada, from Annapolis for Norfolk; December 14, Nina, Porpoise, and Shark, from Bridgeport for navy yard, New York.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Criminal Cases to Be Heard by United States Court.

MASONS HONOR WASHINGTON

Two Beautiful Wreaths Placed on Tomb at Mount Vernon—John Sharp Williams Will Speak at Banquet on Lee's Birthday—Funeral of Miss Marian Beach Johnson Held.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Bell Telephone 63).

629 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 14.—The January term of the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern district of Virginia will convene in this city January 6, 1908, with Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., presiding. Among the criminal cases slated to come up for consideration at this term are the following: T. B. Berry, illicit distilling; Charles F. Dawson, retailing liquor without a license; R. W. Rains, retailing liquor without a license; B. F. Gore, failure to cancel marks and brands; William G. Bohr, retailing liquor without a license.

The only civil case scheduled to be heard at this term is that of R. H. Hilton Jackson, trustee, against R. S. Matthews.

Two beautiful memorial wreaths were to-day placed on the tomb of George Washington by Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, and Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, of Masons, in honor of the 108th anniversary of his death, as is their annual custom. Mrs. Thomas B. Cochran and J. P. Stiff, masters respectively of the two lodges, placed the wreaths upon the tomb.

The wreath sent by the local lodge was made of embossed magnolia leaves and Enchantment carnations, festooned with white satin ribbon, and on a bronze easel. In gold letters was the following inscription: "Alexandria - Washington Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M." The wreath sent by Fredericksburg Lodge was made of beautiful ivy leaves.

The principal speaker at the banquet which will be given January 19 by R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, at Lee Camp Hall in observance of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be Representative John Sharp Williams. The services of Mr. Williams were secured through the efforts of Representative Charles C. Carlin, of this city. Announcement of the other speakers who will deliver addresses on that occasion have not yet been made public.

Miss Marian Beach Johnson's funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Johnson, 614 Prince street. Rev. P. M. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony, and burial, which was private, was in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Nancy Diggins Lynn, widow of John Lynn, whose death occurred yesterday at the home of her son, Rose Hill Farm, Fairfax County, Va., will be held Monday at Haymarket, Va., where the remains will be buried. Mrs. Lynn was eighty-six years of age. Several children survive her.

Mrs. Ellen G. Fawcett, who resides at 517 Prince street, has in her possession an Alexandria corporation stamp, dated 1845, which has just been discovered among a number of old letters, and which is valued at more than a thousand dollars. Several firms have already made offers for the rare stamp, and it is expected that it will shortly be sold. It is said that it is one of three of that denomination now in existence. Mrs. Fawcett a few days ago gave Mr. A. L. Jameson some old envelopes, which had in bygone years contained letters, in order to look over the old stamps. Upon seeing this stamp Mr. Jameson at once notified its owner of his find.

Arrangements have been completed for a meeting for men which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Young People's Building, at which time Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, will deliver an address entitled "An Optimist's Message." A duet will be rendered by the Misses Vierker. At 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Thomas Harrison, a converted railroad engineer of Atlanta, Ga., will deliver an address before a meeting for men, which will be held at the Second Presbyterian Church.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood, of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, has elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: J. L. Jackson, president; C. C. Branner, vice president; Reginald Tappan, secretary, and James E. Nagel, treasurer.

The Alexandria Golf Club will not have to abandon its clubhouse, situated on Sooter's Hill, just west of this city, as was thought some time ago, when it was announced that the hill was to be divided off into villa sites. It is now stated that the house will be placed on a site on the center of the hill, which will be either sold or leased to the owners.

Mrs. Susan P. A. Calvert has purchased through Mr. John D. Normyle, real estate dealer, two lots in St. Elmo, Alexandria County. She will, it is stated, shortly improve the same. The lots were the property of Mr. E. L. Cockrell.

Taylor Hodges, colored, who was on Thursday sent to jail in Washington on a charge of swindling a druggist, is believed to be wanted in this city on a similar charge.

William Wilkins, who died last night near Sudley Mills, Prince William County, Va., was a brother of Capt. J. T. Wilkins and Dr. R. Lee Wilkins, both of this city.

Upon the application of the Southern Railway Company, Judge Barley, of the Corporation Court, to-day appointed M. L. Pankey police agent for the company.

Mrs. Albert Doyle Brockett entertained at luncheon Tuesday in honor of her cousin, Miss Victoria Johnson Peed, whose engagement to Mr. Townsend, of Washington, has just been announced. The color scheme was pink and white, and the place cards were dainty water colors of brides and cupids. Those asked to meet Miss Peed were Mrs. William J. Boothe, Jr., Mrs. Louis S. Scott, Mrs. David J. Howell, and Miss Edith Ramsay.

Want Uniform Medical Laws.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Physicians attending the legislative conference of the American Medical Association have indorsed a plan broached by Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati, for the assembling of a national council to bring about the passage in all States of uniform laws regulating the practice of medicine in order to create reciprocity in State licensing.

Winchester, Dec. 14.—Northern Virginia is in the grasp of a heavy snow and sleet storm, which began at midnight. Snow covers the ground to a depth of three or four inches. The sleet has interfered considerably with the telephone and power service.

PRESIDENT GETS LOVING CUP.

In Manila It Was Used at Banquet to Secretary Taft.

A loving cup, from which the toast, "To the President of the United States," was drunk at the recent banquet to Secretary Taft in Manila, was presented to President Roosevelt yesterday.

The cup was sent to the President by the Alcalde of Manila, Senor Roxas. First Lieut. Louis J. Van Schaik, of the Fourth United States Infantry, who has just arrived from the Philippines, made the presentation speech. Lieut. Van Schaik is a brother of Rev. John Van Schaik, Jr., rector of the Church of Our Father, of this city.

SENATOR GORE TO SPEAK.

Sons of Revolution to Meet at the Arlington Hotel.

The December meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Arlington Hotel next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Following the business session of the society, addresses will be made by Thomas Prior Gore, Senator from Oklahoma, and James T. Lloyd, Representative from Missouri. The music of the evening will consist of piano and comic selections by Messrs. William T. Pierson and William A. Boyd.

NEGRO GRABS WOMAN'S PURSE

Mrs. Alwina Perkins Second Recent T Street Victim.

Loses Gold Watch and Money, but Robber Drops Hat Which May Be Clew.

Mrs. Alwina Perkins, wife of Thomas B. Perkins, of 1355 Thirteenth street northwest, had her pocketbook snatched from her hand by a colored man yesterday afternoon while at Thirteenth and T streets. The police have been furnished with a good description of the man, and are making efforts to cause his arrest.

The negro made the attack about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. Perkins was returning to her home. She told the police of the Eighth precinct last night that she noticed that the negro was walking near her, but that his actions did not appear suspicious. As the negro passed her he sprang to her side, and snatched her pocketbook, containing a gold watch and several dollars in money, from her hand. The man then bolted down the street, but in his attempt to get away lost his hat. This has since been turned over to the police, who hope to use it in establishing the identity of the man. Only two days ago Mrs. Jennie Williams, of Brentwood, Md., had her pocketbook snatched from her hand by a negro on T street, but a few blocks distant from the place where Mrs. Perkins was robbed yesterday afternoon.

Opening Is Postponed.

Recent weather conditions have delayed work on the approaches to the new Connecticut avenue bridge, and the structure will not be opened to the public to-day, as announced. Much of the work on the approaches is yet unfinished. W. L. Douglas, engineer, says it will be impossible to set a date for the opening.

Few Lines in Working Order.

The telephone company at nightfall had noted 1,180 lines out of order in the city, with all but one long distance line gone. Twenty-five linemen were being brought from Atlanta and Richmond and fifty men will be required for two weeks to patch up the system in a temporary manner.

The greatest damage is in the outlying districts, as most of the phones in the underground district are working. Trains on all the railways are many hours behind schedule.

Owing to the fact that the weather instruments were choked by ice the wind velocity during the height of the storm is not known.

CITY IS IN DARKNESS

Storm Plays Havoc with the Wires in Lynchburg.

CARS AND PHONES DISABLED

Velocity of Wind Not Known, as the Weather Instruments Were Choked by Ice—Trains Run Without Aid of Telegraph—Rural Mail Routes Are Abandoned Temporarily.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 14.—Lynchburg experienced the worst sleet storm in her history early to-day, the ice forming on trees, and was accompanied by wind, completely paralyzing the local street railway, electric power systems, both telegraph companies, and almost prostrating the Bell Telephone Company.

Until 5 o'clock not a Postal wire worked, and only at times did the Western Union have a circuit out of the city. The long-distance wire to Covington was the only wire by which the city was connected with the outside world for hours.

The railway wires were badly prostrated and trains in the forenoon were run without the aid of the wires. After 2 o'clock this morning the city was plunged in darkness and the company has been unable to use the lights to-night on account of hundreds of tangles with telephone wires. The lights may not be on Sunday night, so great is the damage.

Car System Tied Up.

Only a portion of one division of the street car system could be operated this morning, the entire service not being restored until 4 o'clock. The damage to shade trees in all sections of the city cannot be estimated as thousands of them are ruined.

Miller Park can never be restored, as many of the virgin oaks were blown down or so broken that they will have to be destroyed. Streets were blocked with fallen trees and tangled wires, and only the prompt manner in which the current was cut off early prevented many accidents.

That numerous fatalities did not follow such widespread havoc is miraculous. Lynchburg appears to have been the center of the trouble and meager reports from near-by sections indicate heavy loss to trees and wire lines. Several rural routes had to be abandoned because the county roads were blocked.

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BRASS BEDS AS GIFTS

An immense stock to select from, and to illustrate values we quote this one:

This \$32 Brass Bed \$26.75

That's about what the ordinary retailer pays at wholesale. Shown in all sizes.

W. B. Moses & Sons, F St., Cor. 11th

CHICAGO HONEST; BOSTON NOT.

Statistician of Western Metropolis Presents Interesting Figures.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—"The most wicked city in the United States" is Boston—not Chicago, according to a report prepared by Hugo Grosser, Chicago's municipal statistician.

In Boston, according to the report, 32.7 persons out of each 1,000 were arrested in 1906, whereas the proportion in Chicago was only 4.8. In a similar manner it is shown that during the present year Boston has grown more wicked, while Chicago has improved more than 20 per cent.

In New York, the report says, the proportion of arrests in 1906 was 46 out of every 1,000; in Baltimore, 63.1; Pittsburgh, 75.4; Duluth, 63.3; Charleston, 75.8, and Terre Haute, 83. The statistician has also discovered that in Boston there is twice as much drunkenness as in Chicago.

"Chicago is the most honest city on earth," says the statistician, backing up his statement with tables which show that Chicago has only 18.7 policemen to every square mile, whereas wicked Boston has 29.5, New York 27, and Baltimore 20.

PRINCE OF PILSEN IN PARIS.

Musical Performance Gave Enthusiastic Welcome and Many Encores.

Paris, Dec. 14.—No musical performance in many seasons has received so enthusiastic welcome as "The Prince of Pilsen," which had its premier on the French stage this afternoon.

The audience included the highest type of French and French-American theatergoers. Encores were numerous. The American performers, Madge Lessing and Fred Wright, were greeted with especial enthusiasm.

PRIEST BUYS TWO ISLANDS.

Fanning and Washington Islands Sold to Father Bronger.

Honolulu, Dec. 14.—Fanning and Washington Islands, of the Fanning Islands group, in the South Pacific, were sold by auction at Suva, Fiji, on Saturday last to Father Bronger for the sum of \$125,000.

Dollar Dinner to Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14.—The dollar dinner in honor of William J. Bryan will be held on the evening of January 15, according to the announcement made to-day by Chairman Allen, of the Democratic State committee. It is expected that Mr. Bryan will outline his position on a number of issues.

Kaiser Reaches Berlin.

Potsdam, Germany, Dec. 14.—The Kaiser has arrived at the new palace, returning from his visit to King Edward of England and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. His majesty professes and looks to be in much improved health, though rumors continue that he is far from being as much better as had been hoped.

CURES ALL ILLS.

Negro Tells of Water's Wonders, but He Is Fined \$50.

New York, Dec. 14.—"Croton water, your honors, first treated by my system and then rubbed on a bald man's head three times a day will cause hair to sprout two inches per night. It will also cure Bright's disease, measles, and whooping cough. It will cure insanity."

Thus testified William H. Jenkins, a negro, of 45 Sixth avenue. In Special Sessions, he was on trial charged with practicing medicine without a license. The complainant was the County Medical Society.

Jenkins says he is the owner of the "Pioneer Water Company." He took the stand holding in either hand an immense glass bottle.

"If people would only take this water all the drug stores would be put out of business," he declared. "It contains all the healing properties on the face of the earth."

"Fifty dollars fine, or ten days in jail," Presiding Justice McKean interrupted. Jenkins was then led from the courtroom, still talking.

ENGLISH CATHOLICS AGITATED.

Pope's Ruling on Marriages Requires Formal Declaration.

London, Dec. 14.—A question affecting the marriage laws is now agitating the minds of the members of the Roman Catholic Church in England. The difficulty has arisen over the indefinite wording of the motu proprio recently issued by the Council of Trent in 1563 on the subject of marriage—that is